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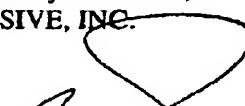
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Application Serial No. 10/830,189
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REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed October 25, 2006, the portion of the Applicant's amendment paper mailed October 10, 2006 regarding an amendment to the Abstract was determined to be non-compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 in that the amendment to the Abstract showed no changes relative to the previous version. The Applicant has submitted a corrected amendment to the abstract in the form of a replacement section.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims in this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

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